

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this Application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A method for ~~preventing-lowering~~ the incidence of onset of diabetes mellitus in a non-diabetic subject with chronic heart failure and impaired fasting plasma glucose (FPG) comprising the administration of administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of an ~~ACE-angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE)~~ inhibitor.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Original) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein said chronic heart failure is a result of symptomatic or asymptomatic left ventricular systolic dysfunction.

4. (Original) A method as defined in claim 3, wherein said chronic heart failure is a result of symptomatic left ventricular systolic dysfunction.

5. (Original) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein said ACE inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of: enalapril (vasotec), captopril (capoten), lisinopril (prinivil, zestril), quinapril (accupril) and ramapril (altace).

6. (Original) A method as defined in claim 5, wherein said ACE inhibitor is administered in a dosage of about 5-20 mg/day.

7. (Original) A method as defined in claim 6, wherein said ACE inhibitor is enalapril.

8-22. (Canceled).

23. (New) The method as defined in claim 1 wherein said subject is concomitantly being treated with a  $\beta$ -blocker.